

**NEGATIVE DECLARATION
PURSUANT TO TITLE 14, CHAPTER 3, SECTIONS 15000, et seq.
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS**

Project Title

TSAR NICOULAI CAVIAR, LLC. AND RALPH F. NIX REVOCABLE TRUST

Project Description

Location: 10822 Gay Road, Wilton, CA 95693 (APNs 134-0173-013) and a portion of 134-0173-014). The subject property is located 1020 feet west of the intersection of Mindy Lane and Gay Road as identified in Sacramento County Assessor's Parcel Map.

The project is to initiate a discharge of wastewater to an unnamed drainage tributary to the Cosumnes River, and to apply solid wastes to land owned by the Discharger, pursuant to a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

The wastewater discharge from the facility may include unused food, fish excrement, and algae. The discharger also proposes to use sodium chloride (salt) to control fish infections from surface abrasions and spread of fish disease.

The initial Environmental Study identifies surface water, groundwater and solid waste impacts to be less than significant. The project is to operate a sturgeon farm pursuant to a NPDES Permit, to allow the discharge of wastewater to a drainage tributary to the Cosumnes River, and to land apply solid wastes from the operation. Impacts will be less than significant if the facility is operated in accordance with permit limitations.

Findings

An Initial Environmental Study was prepared for Tsar Nicoulai Caviar, LLC and the Ralph F. Nix Revocable Trust. A Report of Waste Discharge, dated 9 May 2003, with supplemental information received 19 October 2004, was submitted to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board). The Regional Board has prepared a NPDES Permit. These documents describe the potential environmental impacts and their significance. The conclusion of the Initial Environmental Study finds that the project should not have a significant impact on the environment if the facility is operated in accordance with permit limitations.

Copies of the Initial Environmental Study, Negative Declaration and the NPDES Permit can be obtained by request to the Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Lead Agency.

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